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SUMMARY. PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES MIRRORED THE CENTER'S
UNITY TURNOUT. NO TOP VACANCIES WERE FILLED AND NO NEW
DISSAPPEARANCES WERE NOTED. SOME TROUBLED PROVINCES DID NOT
REPORT ANY LEADERSHIP CELBRANTS. END SUMMARY.

1. PROVINCIAL LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES OFFERED FEW SURPRISE-- NO
NEW FIRST SECRETARIES IDENTIFIED AND NO MAJOR DISAPPEARANCES. A
NUMBER OF LEADERS WHO HAD BEEN CRITICIZED FURING THE MOVEMENT
EITHER REAPPEARED IN THEIR FORMER DOMAINS WITH RANK AND TITLES
INTACT OR SURFACED IN PEKING, INDICATING THAT THEIR PARTICULAR
CASES MAY STILL REQUIRE FURTHER ACTION. THE ONE EXCEPTION APPEARS
TO BE THE OFT-CRITICIZED NANKING MR COMMANDER TING SHENG WHO
HAS NOT APPEARED SINCE AUGUST 5 (KIANGSU AND TROUBLED FUKIEN

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BASE OF MR COMMANDER PI TING-CHUN ALSO DID NOT REPORT ATTENDEES).

2. AMONG THE NOTABLE FIGURES RETURNED TO PUBLIC MENTION WAS PARTY VICE CHAIRMAN LI THE-SHENG, WHO REAPPEARED IN HIS LIAONING TERRITORY FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE MAY DAY. ALTHOUGH LI WAS GIVEN NO TITLE, HE WAS LISTED FIRST AMONG THE CELEBRANTS. ANOTHER LEADER WHO APPARENTLY WEATHERED WIDESPREAD CRITICISM WAS SZECHWAN'S LIU HSING-YUAN, WHO APPEARED IN HIS DOMAIN WITH FULL TITLES. THREE KEY REGIONAL LEADERS TURNED UP IN PEKING THUS MAKING PROVINCIAL TURNOUTS FOR THEIR AREAS LESS THAN NOTEWORTHY. THESE LEADERS-- LANCHOW MR COMMANDER HAN SIEN-CHU, HEILUNGKIANG BOSS WANG CHIA-TAO, AND SHANSI FIRST SECRETARY HSIEH CHEN-HUA --- HAD ALL BEEN HEAVILY CRITICIZED IN THE MOVEMENT. IN ADDITION, SINKIANG COMMANDER AND SECOND SECRETARY YANG YUNG AND A SZECHWAN PARTY SECRETARY, TUAN CHUN-YI, ALSO APPEARED IN PEKING. THESE TWO--- WHO FORMERLY HAD DUTIES IN PEKING-- WERE PURGED DURING THE CULTURAL REVOLUTION AND THEN SENT DOWN TO THE PROVINCES AFTER REHABILITATION.

3. PROVINCES WHERE THE POLITICAL SITUATION HAS REMAINED TROUBLED FAILED FOR THE MOST PART TO NOTE ANY LEADERSHIP APPEARANCES FOR THE CELEBRATIONS OR FAILED TO REPORT CELEBRATIONS. KEY PROVINCES IN THIS CATEGORY INCLUDED FUKIEN, Kiangsu, AND KANSU. CHEKIANG, ANOTHER TROUBLED PROVINCE, REPORTED ONLY ITS FIRST SECRETARY TAN CHI-LUNG AND A HANGCHOW MUNICIPAL LEADER ATTENDING THE LOCAL CELEBRATIONS. TAN HAD NOT APPEARED SINCE THE END OF JUNE WHILE HIS ERSTWHILE RIVAL IN THE PROVINCES. CHANG HUNG-

SHEN IF ALTHOUGH NOT LISTED, HAD HIMSELF APPEARED ONLY A FEW DAYS

EARLIER FOR THE FIRST TIME IN MORE THAN TWOMONTHS.

4. IN ADDITION, THERE WERE A FEW ANOMALIES IN THE APPEARANCE PATTERN WHICH DESERVE MENTION. MOST STRIKING WAS THE MEDIA LISTING RECENTLY NAMED KWEICHOW FIRST SECRETARY LU KUI-LIN WHO WAS NOTED WITH HIS PARTY TITLE IN HIS CONTINUING CONCURRENT RESPONSIBILITY AS DEPUTY COMMANDER OF KUNMING PLA UNITS. AS SUCH LU WAS LISTED ATTENDING THE CELEBRATIONS IN YUNNAN, WITH KWEICHOW NUMBER TWO LI PAO-HUA LEFT TO HEAD THE KWEICHOW TURNOUT. IN CANTON, THE DIVISION BETWEEN POLITICAL AND MILITARY RESPONSIBILITIES WAS DRAWN SHARPLY BY THE FAILURE OF SHU SHIH-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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YU, THE MR COMMANDER, TO TURN OUT FOR THE RECEPTION SPONSORED BY THE PROVINCIAL REVOLUTIONARY COMMITTEE. HSU INSTEAD WAS LISTED FIRST AMONG ATTENDEES AT VARIOUS OCTOBER 1 GARDEN PARTIES AND ET-TOGETHERS IN CANTON. THE PATTERN WAS FURTHER SKewed BY THE MEDIA TREATMENT GIVEN PARTY SECRETARY KUNG SHIH-CHUAN, WHO WAS LISTED WITH ONLY HIS POLITICAL COMMISSAR TITLE AHEAD OF THE OTHER TWO PARTY SECRETARIES.

5. COMMENT. THE CENTER'S CONCERN FOR UNITY AND THE DIFFICULT BEHIND-THE-SCENES STAGING WHICH SEEMS TO BE GOING ON TO REALIGN THE SUCCESSION (HONG KONG 10372) APPEAR TO HAVE MADE THE PROVINCIAL TURNOUTS A MIRROR IMAGE OF THE TOP. UNITY WAS SHOWN WHERE IT COULD BE SHOWN AND, WHERE THIS WAS NOT POSSIBLE, IT WAS GLOSSED OVER BY NON-APPEARANCES. RESTORATION OF RANKS AND TITLES AND CONTINUED APPEARANCES OF TOP PROVINCIAL LEADERS ALL SERVE TO CONVEY A CALCULATED IMAGE OF UNITY.
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